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Fatal Accident NEW AMERICAN FARMER KILLED BY HIS HORSES

**Runaway Caused by Breakdown
of Waggon**

An American settler, who came
into the Dominion early in the
present month, met with a tragic
death at Bow Island last week while
driving a team of horses.

On Monday the 9th inst. William
Isaac Schonert and his son Walter
had been hauling lumber on to their
land for building purposes. In the
evening, as they returned home with-
out a load, the father stood in front
of the waggon driving the team.
The waggon box was of course not
in use. Without the slightest warn-
ing the stirrup which bound the
coupling and the back wheels to the
reach gave way. Immediately the
latter sprang up and one of the
horses being struck the team set off
at a wild pace, Mr. Schonert being
thrown to the ground, falling be-
tween the horses. When his son
Walter, who was driving a team
some distance behind, came up to
the spot his father was dead. On
the right side of his skull a large
wound was found from which a nail
was taken, making it apparent that
the unfortunate man had been killed
by a blow from the hoof of one of
the horses. His left shoulder was
fractured and his left ear completely
torn away.

The body, which was taken to the
house of a Mr. Paisley, was later
examined by Constable Colaridge of
the R.N.W.M.P.
The mounted police authorities,
after investigating, decided that death
was purely accidental and that a
coroner was not required, Dr. Leech
of Taber having certified as to the
cause of death.

The day after her husband's death
Mrs. Schonert and four children ar-
rived at Bow Island, and one of the
saddest features of the tragedy was
the breaking of the intelligence to them.

The Schonerts are among the
class of well-to-do American farmers
who are being attracted to the Cana-
dian West in increasing numbers
each year. In addition to farm
machinery the deceased had brought
with him a large number of horses,
and there was every prospect of his
making good in the land which he so
recently had adopted. — Medicine
Hat Times.

The Local Option Fight in Claresholm

(Farmer's Advocate.)

Claresholm, Nov. 14.—The local
option campaign is drawing to a
close, the vote taking place Nov.
24th. This is the first incorporated
town in the province to vote on local
option and the outcome is awaited
with great interest. As in Ontario
the temperance people have to secure
a sixty per cent. and are working to
overcome the handicap. They claim
to have a majority vote now assured.
The Licensed Victuallers' Associa-
tion of the province have their
organizer here and he is waging a
vigorous war of education to show
the futility of such legislation. The
liquor men had the first page of the
local paper last week showing where
prohibition didn't prohibit in places
across the line. The temperance
people have the paper this week and
are replying. The temperance ad-
vocates are distributing a quantity of
literature and waging a thorough
campaign. Next Sunday the churches
will devote the day to temperance.

The struggle is unique as the first
in the province and the liquor men
realize that, if local option carries
in Claresholm, it will be followed by
similar campaigns all over the pro-
vince.

Pit-Grown Wheat

An experiment in wheat growing,
of great originality and much pro-
mise, is being made in Russia. Some
very astounding results are said to
have already been secured, and Rus-
sian experimenters believe not only
that the yield will be immensely in-
creased but that certain corn crops
may be made perennial.

The experiment consists solely in
the manner of cultivation. The
author of the new method is Gen.
Levitsky, who began his experiments
last August in a little model farm
adjoining his barracks. His plan is
simple. He sows single grains of
wheat at the bottom of conical pits a
foot to a foot and a half deep.

As the grain thus sown in the
apex of the pit begins to appear
above the surface it is earthed over,
and each time the leaf appears more
earth is filled in till after, say five or
six earthings, the pit is full and level
with the surface.

The result of this treatment is
that the plant, which has a "branch-
ing knot" at the base of the original
stem and of each new stem, sends
out a number of new shoots at each
earthing. It is asserted in a letter
to the Nevce Vremya that one grain
treated in this way sent up 19,683
shoots. The straw seems to be un-
usually stout, the yield enormous,
and General Levitsky believes that
the plant will be perennial.

Apart from this General Levitsky
has done enough to show that the
small farmer, at any rate, may bene-
fit enormously by getting the wheat
to tiller out in this way instead of
preventing this natural process by
close sowing; and it is worth notice
that Prince Kropotkin, the pioneer
of intensive cultivation in England,
years ago prophesied that the present
methods of growing wheat would be
given up, and he published photo-
graphs of wheat plants showing
many stems from a single grain.—
Farmer's Advocate.

The new comet's tail is said to
be 2,000,000 miles in length. For
the peace of the starry heavens it
is to be hoped that the comet will
not wag it.

John Burns on the Cash Argument

(Farmer's Advocate.)

Mr. John Burns, the labor mem-
ber of the British Parliament, prob-
ably did not read what we had to say
a few weeks ago under the caption,
"A Cash Argument," but he has
said substantially the same thing to
a British audience. Mr. Burns took
occasion to point out that the chief
disadvantage under which the British
unemployed lay, compared with the
unemployed in America, was in the
fact that Britons drank more than
their trans-Atlantic brothers. Need-
less to say this opinion was not re-
ceived with friendly applause, but
Mr. Burns might have gone further
and included all British laborers and
middle men as well, and in fact in-
cluded all who did not attain their
desired economic standing while in-
dulging in drink. Any country with
the per capita expenditure for drink
that Britain can boast of must neces-
sarily show an economic weakness,
a serious handicap. We do not
hear of unemployment in France or
Germany, but rather the opposite.

To get people to see the economic
side of the liquor question and its
bearing upon poverty and want
should be the duty of everyone who
has the betterment of social con-
ditions. We have all been too will-
ing to ignore the effect financially of
the indulgence or the appetite for
drink. We have generally been
willing to admit that because the
"liquor interest" employed a large
amount of capital and labor that
therefore they were contributing to
the sum total of human necessities.
But we must learn to distinguish
between money and energy expended
upon the production of necessities
and money and energy devoted to
producing a commodity that neither
satisfies hunger nor protects the
body from exposure, but rather ren-
ders humanity eventually more des-
titute. There is a vital difference
between the use of potatoes for food
and their use for alcohol manufac-
ture, as a crowd of unemployed
would soon demonstrate. Commodi-
ties may conveniently be classed as
essential, desirable, non-essential and
undesirable. The two former con-
tribute to the life and happiness of
people, while the latter contribute to
misery, poverty and death. Liquor
belongs undoubtedly to one of the
two latter classes, depending upon the
condition of the people who use it,
and the unemployed are suffering
from distress which is a direct re-
sult of the employment of non-
essential and undesirable commodi-
ties.

It should not be a hard lesson to
grasp the fact that thrift and the
spending of money on the things
which go to sustain life or add to its
usefulness tends to prevent poverty.
yet this fact is ignored, not simply
by individuals, but by associations
and governments. It is agreed that
the most desirable condition of af-
fairs is that where the compensation
for labor is more than sufficient to
maintain the laborers in their stan-
dards of living and where the sur-
plus is judiciously invested in re-
liable securities such as land or bonds.
This is obviously the ideal each citi-
zen should have, but because we
have weak-willed and strong-pas-
sioned people it becomes the duty of
the government to assist both by
removing temptations and supplying
incentive to all to attain to the ideal.
There may be some danger to the
man who preaches the economy of
liquor being branded as stingy, but
there can be no other flaw picked in
the argument.

Xmas Gifts FOR Grand Pa, Grand Ma, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Sweetheart, BABY

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The Local Government Act, Village Act and School Assessment Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act, Village Act and School Assessment Ordinance the Honourable Mr. Justice Bech has appointed Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1909, at Ten o'clock a.m. at the Court House in the City of Lethbridge, for the holding of a Court for the Confirmation of the Returns made under the provisions of Section 97 of the Local Improvement Act in respect of the following Local Improvement Districts, viz:—

Local Improvement Districts 601 and 602.
And of Section 97 of the Village Act in respect of the following Villages, viz:—
The Village of Stirling and the Village of Stawley.
And of Section 19 of the School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts, viz:—
School Districts Nos. 436, 510, 384, 678, 694, 825, 1156, 1379, 1603 and 1655.

Dated at Edmonton this 10th day of November, 1908.

JOHN STOCKS,

DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE

Take notice that the partnership existing between SAMUEL IRVINE and TABER has this day been dissolved by Mutual Consent, and all Accounts, debts due from or to either of them shall be paid by the party indebted to the said firm will be paid by him.

SAMUEL IRVINE,
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Taber, Alta., Nov. 16th, 1908.

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W. A. M. Bellwood, editor and manager

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1908

Notes and Comments

Drummond says: "If every work-shop held a workman like him who worked in the carpenter's shop at Nazareth the labor problem and all other workmen's problems would soon be solved."

George Towns, of Australia, the champion sculler of the world, recently said: "Some have laughed at my stand against Sunday training. I say it is God's law; and therefore natural, to have one day's rest in seven; and I always felt the better for it."

The libel suit against Mr. Daniel McGillicuddy, editor of the Calgary Daily News, was held last week. The result was Mr. McGillicuddy was fined \$100. The case was appealed. Both the judge and the jury scored Edwards severely for the filthy nature of his publication, the Eye Opener.

The Scientific American states that paper is now being made from cornstalks at about the same cost as from wood, and it won't be long before the process will be improved so as to bring it down about half the cost. This will bring about a revolution in the paper business and be the saving of an immense amount of pulp wood, and will close a good many pulp mills.

Commenting upon the result of the late Dominion elections the Montreal Star says: "The duty of the Opposition from to-day forward is to regain public confidence by deserving it. The voting has pruned away some of the worst deadwood, and there is more that ought to go; but what the Opposition can best do for the present is to push to the front its better elements, and to launch with optimistic courage progressive policies. It has received some excellent new timber as the result of voting on the 26th, and the government has brought back some good material as well."

One year's residence will be necessary in Sioux Falls, S.D., in future, instead of six months, to qualify for divorce proceedings.

That early closing by-law in Lethbridge does not seem to meet with very general approval. It looks somewhat like a piece of nonsensical legislation.

Merchants who use the same measures in handling gasoline and coal oil should take note of the terrible death caused by the explosion of coal oil near Swan Lake, Man. Gasoline and coal oil make a very dangerous mixture.

The trustees of a South Dakota church have offered to expend \$125 for the installation of a hat rack and mirror on condition that the women of the congregation remove their large and fashionable hats during the service. The women have agreed to do so, and furthermore have signed a pledge to this effect.

The firm of Sir Christopher Furness & Company, the greatest ship-building firm in England, will take its employees into partnership for one year, the employees accepting the alternative to end the long strife between them and the company. The world is watching the experiment with interest.

Municipal matters and school matters are drifting along very quietly. Taber needs the strongest council and the strongest school board possible. The council and the school board handle large sums of the public money and the ratepayers should take sufficient interest to see that every dollar is spent judiciously.

The Government drilling machines are already on the ground and very soon boring for water will begin in the Josephsburg district, near Medicine Hat. A Government drill to bore for water in Taber has been talked about for over a year, but so far nothing has been done. Taber has got to have a more efficient water supply before we can hope to secure any industries. It is up to the town to get water.

A Progressive Publication

The special Thanksgiving number of the Canadian Pictorial recently received shows, in addition to its wealth of beautiful harvest pictures and other fine photographs, several new and interesting features which are to be continued with other attractions in the large and improved Christmas number in course of preparation. One of these is a complete story; a second is a series of old favorite songs, words and music complete, which will appear in each issue. Remarkable as has been the popularity of this splendid publication the public are assured that the best is to come. Every issue of this monthly "art portfolio" would form a capital souvenir to send to friends abroad. None better. (Ten cents a copy, \$1 a year. The Pictorial Publishing Co., 142, St. Peter Street, Montreal, Que.)

Mixed Gasoline With Coal Oil

Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—As a result of the Dominion Government's investigation into the death of Edward Carry's family of wife and seven children and Miss Gillespie, a school teacher, by an explosion of coal oil at Swan Lake, it developed to-day that coal oil sold in that section had been mixed with gasoline.

News in Brief

The Dowager Empress and Emperor of China are dead.

Caracou, N.B., is scourged with diphtheria of a violent type.

Alex. Fraser, aged 65, attempted suicide at Franklin, Man., with a razor.

Duncan Finlayson, an ex-M.P., Richmond, N.S., has been appointed county judge.

The two provincial bye-elections in Humboldt and Neeley, Sask., will take place on Nov. 30th.

Lethbridge City Council will, in future, refuse permission to erect one-story block on Round Street.

The shoe factory of Aurora, Ont., is closed owing to a strike of hatters, throwing seventy men out of work.

Ten thousand I.C.R. employees at Moncton are petitioning Hon. G. P. Graham for the right to enter civic politics.

F. J. Henry, lawyer prosecuting Renf grafters in San Francisco, was shot by Morris Haas, an ex-convict. He may recover.

David Longhead, wife and daughter were killed by a passenger train at King's Court Junction, near London, Ont.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves at the end of this week for Florida, where he will take a brief holiday before the opening of Parliament.

J. Rosen, proprietor of a hosiery tailoring establishment at Kingston, Ont., has cleared out with \$1,000 collected from leading merchants by bogus cheques.

John Milne, of Stockton, Man., formerly of the township of Sydenham, has been awarded the estate of \$8,000,000 in Aberdeen-shire, Scotland.

The death occurred on Sunday at the village of Alfred, near Ottawa, Ont., of Hon. P. A. E. Evanson, second clerk assistant of the Senate and for some years Speaker of the Ontario Legislature.

Arrangements have been made for the building of another big elevator at Port Arthur. It will have a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels, will cost approximately \$200,000 and will be ready to handle next year's crop.

An antique sword, said to have been worn by Oliver Cromwell, will be put up at auction in New York and sold to the highest bidder unless John D. Rockefeller, to whom the weapon was sent, will come forward and pay the duty on it.

The steel gang on the bridge made the best progress last week of any week yet, two spans having been completed. There are now twenty-one spans completed and people can form some idea of what the whole structure will look like. Lethbridge Herald.

A despatch from Ottawa says: "Grossly exaggerated reports of the weather conditions in the Canadian West have recently been sent out to the American press by correspondents at Winnipeg and Medicine Hat, and it is understood that the Government will take vigorous action to punish the culprits."

A company with a capitalization of two and a half millions has been formed in North Dakota with the avowed intention of colonizing five hundred thousand acres of land in the Northwest in the neighborhood of Vermilion, Alta. It is proposed to work the land entirely with English labor and as a single enterprise.

Rural Mail Delivery

IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Postmaster-General Asks W. C. Simmons for Information About This Constituency

W. C. Simmons has received the following letter from Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, Postmaster-General, re rural delivery:—

I have pleasure in advising you that I have decided to undertake the delivery and collection of mail matter to and from persons residing in rural districts along and contiguous to the line of travel of all existing stage routes of any mile and upwards in length. For your information the following synopsis of the proposed mail service may be given.

Any person living on or contiguous to a rural mail route and not within a quarter-mile of the corporate limits of any city, town or village who desires his mail deposited at a given point on the line of the route by the rural mail courier may take advantage of the opportunity afforded.

Such a person shall provide and erect a box known as the "King Edward mail box" on the roadside, located in such a manner as to be reached by the courier without dismounting from his vehicle or horse. This box can only be obtained from the Post Office Department of Canada.

The price of the box, together with all the necessary fittings, except only the post on which it will be erected, cannot be determined at the present time, inasmuch as the price will vary materially depend upon the number of boxes required. The department is therefore, purchasing the boxes for the trial routes and erecting them, leaving the price to be determined after it is seen what the full number of boxes required to equip the existing routes will be. I have ordered several thousand boxes for the trial routes. One thing is to be noted, that whatever price they are supplied by the manufacturer the same price will be charged the patrons using the boxes.

The post to which the box is to be permanently attached, and which is to be provided by the patron, must be approximately four feet two inches above the road level, and must be erected upon the roadside so as to be conveniently reached by the courier without leaving his rig or dismounting from his horse. Each box must have conspicuously printed or stencilled upon it the name of the patron or owner.

Any person living off the line of travel of a rural mail courier is at liberty to purchase and erect one of these boxes at the cross-road or any other point on the courier's route for the reception of matter addressed to him or mailed by him as the case may be.

In addition to carrying the mail to the various post offices on his route the courier will, therefore, be required to receive from any postmaster on the route any mail matter that may be entrusted to him outside of the usual mail bag, and shall carry such mail matter to and deposit it in the proper rural mail box placed on the line of route for this purpose. He will also be required to collect the mail from the rural mail boxes erected along his line of travel and to deposit the same in the next post office at which he arrives.

The services performed by the courier will be without charge to the persons sending or receiving the mail, but the Department will allow the courier a fixed sum per annum for each box served by him on his route.

I should be glad if you would kindly inform me at your earliest convenience as to the stage routes in your constituency on which, in your opinion, a rural mail service as described above might be first established in the public interest.

I might add that this will be extended to all the routes in your constituency as quickly as it is possible, but it is the intention of the Department to put them on the more important routes first.—Lethbridge Herald.

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St. Theodore Church.—Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m.; Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sunday in each month and 8.30 a.m. on third Sunday in the month

Knox Church—Morning service at 11 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Bible Class. Evening service, 7.30.—Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

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LOCALS

B. W. Wright is selling a 17-jewel movement, fitted in a 20-year case for \$14.00 (guaranteed). 40-1t

Mr. Huntrods, brother of Mr. E. F. S. Huntrods, arrived in town on Friday evening from Brandon.

Miss Miller, sister of Mrs. McKillican, came in from the ranch Saturday and is spending a few days with Mrs. J. T. Stephenson.

Mr. W. J. Lloyd, vice-president and field manager of the Imperial Development Co., Ltd., was in town Tuesday seeking homesteaders with land to sell to suit their numerous clients.

On Tuesday next, in the Taber Opera House, a grand concert will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Theodore's Church. Miss Archer of Lethbridge is the principal soloist and will be supported by an excellent array of local talent. Miss Archer is well known as a singer, having lately arrived from England, where she has been fulfilling engagements at all the principal concert halls.

Mr. Geo. E. Ellis, jun., of Winnipeg, was in town Thursday morning calling upon our local jewellers.

Farmers, do not forget the meeting of the Taber Agricultural Society on Monday, Nov. 30th. W. H. Fairfield, of the government experimental farm, Lethbridge, will speak.

In another column it will be noticed that the partnership between S. Irvine and R. G. M. Todd has been dissolved. Mr. Irvine will carry on the business as before.

B. W. Wright has just received a large and well-assorted stock of Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches. If you are thinking of purchasing one it will certainly pay you to call on him. 40-1t

It won't matter how you get there. Fall in, Walk in, Tumble in, Roll in; but don't fail to get there just the same while Campbell & Anderson's big sale is on. Best prices ever offered. 40-1t

Last Friday night Mr. Jas. Taylor delivered a very interesting lecture on "Capital and Labor" under the auspices of the Presbyterian Literary Association. A large number were present and greatly enjoyed the literary treat.

We want land men and owners to send us at once minute and exact descriptions of choice dry holdings at close figures and easy terms near railroad. Lethbridge or Taber preferred. No other than choice lands near railroads will be considered. — Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, Guaranty Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. 34-4t 39t

A meeting to inaugurate a Burns Club was held on Saturday night last in the Canada West Library. The following officers were elected: Mr. A. Primrose, president; Mr. A. Stevenson, secretary; Mr. D. J. McMillan, treasurer; Messrs. William Cook, Thos. Sneddon, Chas. McPhee and Wm. Crea, committee-men. It was decided to hold a supper and dance on Burns' Anniversary Day.

Mr. R. G. M. Todd left on Monday night for Vancouver, where he will enter college after Christmas.

B. W. Wright will open up in the course of a few days a fine stock of sterling silver novelties for the Christmas trade. 40-1t

Mr. Cunningham, son-in-law of Mr. James Taylor, arrived on Saturday from Manitoba with a car of settlers' effects.

The Town Council on Monday night last decided to purchase the necessary ground for a public cemetery and to fence the same.

J. Carroll of the Taber Hotel arrived home on Wednesday night after having spent a very enjoyable holiday with his parents in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Oliver and Son, who have been visiting Mrs. Walter Miller the last few days, left on Tuesday night for California, where they intend spending the winter.

William Schonert, who was killed at Bow Island this week, a full account of which is to be found on our front page, came here a few weeks ago from Rugby, N.D. He leaves a widow and six children.

The time is fast approaching for the local municipal elections. Rumour has it that some of the retiring councillors do not intend running again. We have not heard yet of any budding aspirants for public office being in the field.

The Canada West Coal Co. have nearly completed their system of electric light poles throughout the town and are only awaiting the arrival of the crossbars before being ready to supply the customers with light. We understand the company has engaged the reliable firm of McKenzie & Roy of Lethbridge to do the house-wiring for them. The coal company furnishes all material and is charging subscribers only the actual cost of installation. All those who live near enough to the line to get lights should put in their application without delay.

Mr. R. D. Shiells is building a brick veneered store on Front St.

A bad prairie fire is raging south and east of Taber.

H. F. Annable returned on Wednesday from Moose Jaw and reports everything booming in that city.

Wm. F. White, Henry W. Retz and W. H. Miller of New York State were in town this week and bought several sections of land.

D. W. Coulter, George Polley and S. A. Fenton of New York State were in town Thursday looking at land they had previously bought.

Will advertisers please note that all changes should be handed in by Wednesday in each week at the latest, otherwise we cannot guarantee insertion.

For the convenience of our readers we might say that the time-table for the regular passenger train has been altered. The westbound train now arrives at 2.12 a.m. and the eastbound at 2.40 a.m. The times of the Soo-Spokane and the "local" remain unchanged.

The next meeting of the Literary Society will take place in the Presbyterian Church on Friday the 27th instant at 8 p.m. Mr. R. P. Wallace, president of the society, will give an address on the History of Canada, taking up the first part of the period of French rule. Mr. Hopkin Evans will read a paper on Socialism, to be followed by a discussion. All are welcome.

On Wednesday last Mr. E. L. Hawkins, while riding a horse belonging to Mr. E. J. Lannan, attempted to cross the river at the ford. He hitched the horse to the tongue of a passing wagon, but the traces broke loose and the horse was drowned. Mr. Hawkins managed to clamber up into the wagon and escaped with nothing worse than a drenching.

North of River

Mr. Muget has returned home.

Rev. Mr. MacCoubie has gone to Macleod.

Mr. Popkiss is building on his homestead.

Mrs. Hassil visited at the Darrow home last week.

Mr. Wilner is drawing lumber to build a house 20 x 26.

Mr. M. Singleton has gone to Taber to visit his wife.

The Broderick brothers have returned to their homesteads.

N. W. Darrow is building a house on Wm. Kelly's homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner took dinner at the Darrow home last Sunday.

Mrs. J. Pearson's baby has been very sick, but is rapidly improving.

The Darrow boys have returned from threshing to their homesteads.

Mr. and Mrs. Chum are now home to friends after a trip out threshing.

Mrs. Jacob Grier has been suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. Brunton has returned home from Claresholm. He did not make a very long stay there.

Mr. Alexander is improving his homestead by fencing it. He was a caller at the Darrow home last week.

Everybody north of the Belly River has about finished threshing. This being the first year crops were fair.

Mrs. Louis Cook will return to her home after a three weeks' her sick mother. — ill but is now up.

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I wish to express thanks to my friend caring for my wife in case. May God's bless them all. — N. W. DARR

Fatal Accident To a Brakeman

BOTH LEGS AND ARMS BADLY
CRUSHED.

Mr. Claude Nevins met with a very serious accident on Wednesday last at Raymond. He was braking on the A.R. & L. Railway at Knight's sugar factory siding at Raymond when he slipped under the wheels. Both arms and legs were crushed, and he received several other serious injuries. He was rushed to Lethbridge and taken to the hospital there, but he died the following morning. He was well known in Taber, where he used to run a candy kitchen.

Part of His Face Shot Off

Frank, Nov. 14.—Philip Hart, formerly of Frank but now conducting a meat business at Bellvue, met with a most distressing accident on Sunday night which nearly cost him his life. Coyotes had been bothering greatly for some nights and he was out about Sunday with a view of trying to kill usual.

Signs of Age That Can Be Obliterated

THIS is the story of a woman who at forty-four discovered that she was looked upon as "old," and how she turned back the leaves of Time. It is a fine object-lesson which every woman in the forties should read, especially mothers in moderate circumstances.

This woman had few domestic worries. Her three children were devoted to her and were approaching manhood and womanhood in a very satisfactory, well-ordered way. Her income was comfortable and permitted her to enjoy many small luxuries. She could afford a Turkish-bath at regular intervals. She employed an expert facial masseuse to keep her complexion in good condition. She was able to indulge a long-felt yearning for silk hosiery and when she was tired and wanted to make a round of calls, she could hire a coupe.

She thought herself on the whole a most contented woman, until one day, her family was discussing a recent marriage in their social circle. A clever business woman of forty-three had married a young artist of thirty-six and the results were predicted, including an ignominious finish in the divorce court.

"Why, just think, Mumsey," said the youngest daughter, "she's as old as I am."

The mother said nothing, but that night in the dark she thought it all out. She had no business to look old, and if she did not look old her daughter would not institute such a naive but telling comparison.

The next evening she went for a trolley ride with her son, and turned quite irritable when she noticed how carefully she was assisted from the car, while the impatient conductor kept one hand on the bell cord.

"I must be getting a touch of gout," she said sharply as she noticed how it hurt her foot to press on the asphalt paving.

"Now, don't begin to worry about your health, mother," exclaimed her son. "You know it is just your years." And that night the woman lay awake late, thinking that she did not want to move around enough to disgust your foot properly. All the ear-marks of age with you are due to the way you live you lead. You have earned your rest, but my dear woman, don't you take it, if you want to remain young—and a woman of forty-four ought to be youthful in this age of advancement in therapeutics."

The doctor laid down a few simple rules and the mother followed them. First, she learned to leave the table with the sensation of being just a little more satisfied. She might eat a little more. That took away the fatty lumps over the abdomen and hips and under the chin.

Second, she walked in the fresh air every day, starting with a mile and running her record up to three miles.

Third, she went all over the house every morning, picking up each measure by the edge on one side and turning it with a toss at least four times. She shook and beat the pillow, lit the gas and the air above her head. This was fine for the beds and also reduced her abdomen, hips and waist.

Fourth, she lay flat on her back in bed, night and morning and kicked as vigorously as any ballet dancer ever did. Eight times she swung up her right leg, until it formed a right angle with the body, then she repeated the eight times with the left leg, alternated right and left on eight counts and finished by raising both legs vigorously on eight counts. The first morning she tried that, her legs ached so that she had to rub them. To-day she can do the exercises forty times and never feel it.

Directly she could do the exercises with ease when lying on the floor, she stood on the floor and kicked out in front until she could bring her leg at right angles with her body. Finally she did bending exercises. Standing erect with her hands straight up in the air, the width of her arms apart, she palms forward, she would bend at the waist line until her arms swinging forward, permitting her head to touch the floor. Not another exercise did she undertake and she is doing these yet.

After three months she has lost eighteen pounds. She no longer suffers with numbness in her hands and feet. The settled, matronly look has practically disappeared, and she moves lightly and quickly with a brave suggestion of her old dithyrambic. She took no medicine at all, and used for her complexion only a skin food for making wrinkles, formula for which I will be glad to furnish my readers on receipt of a stamped and addressed envelope.

Her daughters were greatly exercised over the experiment, and they do not like her, to see their mother working as of old, around the house, but she undertakes no unduly heavy tasks, only those which please her, and she would not let her family see her getting

Distinctive Tailor-Made Suits



UP-TO-DATE SUGGESTIONS FOR TAILORED SUITS.

THE tailor-made suit has reached that point in the estimation of the average woman that it is her first purchase at the opening of each season. She may indulge in odd conceits or try experiments with her house frocks, which can be made over, or refurbished, but when it comes to the tailor-made in which she makes her appearance on the street, this must come from the hands of its maker absolutely correct to the smallest detail. She will take no chances on cloth, design or trimming.

The general tendency of the tailor-made suit this fall is towards heaviness, and, alas, somewhat toward fussiness. The masculine lines and cut have disappeared, save for storm suits and hard-wear suits for business women. The woman of leisure will find that the smartest suits are all tailored in finish only, being more elaborate than they have been in years.

The cloths employed are very heavy in appearance if not in actual weight. The smooth, silky broadcloth, supple and light-weight, will be used only by the daring few who insist upon simplicity and slender proportions. The average shopper will fall into line and select one of the mixed, heavy looking cloths. These are not necessarily rough but they are woven in the most wonderful combinations of colors and patterns. Cloudy effects of all sorts prevail, and while stripes are much preferred, they do not appear in the bold, direct weaves that we had during the spring and summer. The darker stripes give the appearance of receding into the background or melting into the lighter one. Among the popular combinations along this line are black and leather color, green and brown, purple and black, a very rich magenta or a clear and plum color also combined with black. An fact much dull, dark red, verging on purple is shown, in combination with black, a combination by the way, which we have not seen since our grandmothers wore it. More browns and greens are shown in combination than the long popular blue and green. As to plain colors, I should say that leather and all tones approaching it, such as yellowish-browns, burnt orange, etc., will be extremely fashionable. Likewise extremely trying.

Some of the new goods are woven with borders, showing neat stripes or dots as they did in the summer but queer conventional designs in dull colors, such as Persian or Arabian. Large invisible checks and plaids in dark, rich colorings are shown in various weaves, but these are almost

invariably overlaid with black or some dull green or brown. The subtle coloring is the thing, and it is a relief after the garishness of the past summer. Broad will be used in great quantities for trimming, also appliques of cloth are longer. For shopping and all ordinary street use, they barely escape the ground. For semi-tailored costumes, suitable for calling, church, etc., the skirt trousers.

Four admirable modes in tailored garments are shown in the illustration. The first pictures a typical use of striped material, peculiarly suited to the tall, slender figure. The fabric is a soft English cutting showing green and brown skirt. The skirt is a perfectly fitted princess pattern, cut almost to reach the bust line. It fits snugly about the waist and hips, then just above the knees shows inverted pleats which give it the necessary flare. The fine stripes in the skirt run

around, and the trimming consists of two graduated bands of the same cloth with the stripes running up and down. The long, loose coat shows the vertical stripes, but in the sleeves, a modification of the kimono pattern, they run round. The front-pieces are set off by straps of the goods heavily braided in green soutache, which design is also used to outline the arm's eye and the finish of the three-quarter sleeve. For a short woman all the stripping must run vertically and the bands around the skirt should be braided.

The second figure selected shows a smart combination of plain with striped cloth, in a typical suit of the hour, tunic and short-waisted cutaway coat. The fabric is a French cloth, in black and claret so mottled as to look simply a very dark red at the distance. The trimming is a striped cloth, in the same color combination in more pronounced weave. The gored skirt has a pointed neck, the coat is extremely short, waistline in keeping with the skirt, which runs up in a high, fitted girder effect, and the only trimming on the coat consists of the striped material for revers, collar and cuffs, and huge buttons made of black silk braid laid in coils.

The third figure portrays one of the best designs in the Louis tailored suits, and such a combination, Louis line with tailored finish, is something un-

dreamed of when tailoring for women came into vogue.

The fabric is a mottled goods in leather and black subtly woven. The skirt is a princess, cut with nine gores and a shaped flounce. The latter is joined to the upper section of the skirt as all the seams are joined with a fine under bias band of black broadcloth. The coat is semi-fitting with a Louis cut-away effect in the front, and seams all underlaid with black broadcloth. The buttons are covered with black cloth, and the entire effect is smart and simple.

The single coat shows what is being done with vests. In this instance, a plain leather colored vest finishes a coat of black and leather color mixed, with heavy trimmings of soutache braiding on the plain cloth. The three-quarter sleeve is the very latest cut, running from the inside seam round to the elbow, while the odd gore set into the front section is another new feature. In fact, nearly all the new jackets are distinctly vests, and the simple, plain straight lines are not in high favor. If the tailoring on these oddly shaped garments is not perfect, they quickly degenerate into shapelessness.

Many Dean

indigestion. Not for the world would she admit that she had looked Old Age in the face and wept. But they are wonderfully proud of her, and I heard the elder girl tell a friend that "indigestion is such a dreadful thing. Mother is a different person since Dr. Blank has treated her for stomach trouble."

Every woman, however situated, can follow these simple directions. The exercises will cure that draggy feeling when you wake in the morning. The walk in fresh air will improve your complexion. And your eyes will shine again when you realize that of old Father Time getting the best of old Father Time.

Katharine Perkins

Bread Sandwiches. For this purpose use either Neuchâtel or Philadelphia cream cheese. If the former is very hard, you must moisten it a trifle with sweet milk or better still, cream. Add just a dash of paprika to give it tang and a little salt. Finally to each ground in your meat chopper. English walnuts are best for this purpose. Almonds are flat in flavor. Spread this mixture on thin slices of brown bread, brushed with melted butter.

Sandwiches for Days-at-Home

Net Salad Sandwiches. Grind English walnuts or hickory nuts in your meat grinder, mix with an equal quantity of celery chopped very fine and add to this mixture mayonnaise, made with plenty of lemon juice. Have white bread cut thin, brush lightly with melted butter, lay on a crisp lettuce leaf, spread this with the bread and celery mixture, lay the second slice of bread upon it and serve at once.

Olive Sandwiches. Chop the meat off the olives and chop the olives very fine. Mix with mayonnaise dressing and spread on unbuttered white bread, cut very thin.

Tongue and Veal Sandwiches. Remove from cold tongue and veal every scrap of fat, gristle and skin. Grind in your meat chopper, moisten just a trifle with soup stock and season lightly with paprika and a mere dash of outworn. Spread lightly on thin white bread, and serve very cold. A half-warm meat sandwich is not appetizing. If you prefer a salad sandwich, add to the ground tongue and veal, a little mayonnaise. Another very dainty meat sandwich which must be served crisp is made from white bread, brushed lightly with butter, a crisp naturopathic leaf or sprig of water cress, and a slice of highly seasoned cold chicken, spread with a little mayonnaise.

The Revival of the Ruff

THE neck ruff in most pronounced form will be one of the features of fall and winter modes. This is news for the stout woman with round face and short neck, but it will rejoice the heart of the thin, sharp-featured woman to whom fuzzy neck-dressings are always becoming.

If you want to know what the real ruff is, study a picture of Queen Elizabeth, and then modify her enormous ruffs to twentieth century daintiness. Make them soft and fluffy, instead of severe and starched, and you will be nearing the mark. Use thin, transparent instead of severe starched linens, or embroideries and laces, and you will be distinctly in fashion's swim.

For earliest wear on the street, you will find useful the net ruff, double-box-pleated through the center and finished with stiff ribbon bows. As a sample take a rich cream colored net, dot it with chenille or velvet or even silk or satin circles, edge with ribbon wavy shawl around the throat with a stiff bow of ribbon. The long loops and ends are little used.

How snugly these ruffs set can be judged from the fact that they come in sizes No. 14 up, just like collars.

For evening wear, the ruff is generally made of delicately tinted net or chiffon, preferably the net, such as cream, white, baby blue, palest pink, corn-yellow, apple green, exquisite shades of lavender, violet and mauve, either in double box pleats or rose pleating. Between the rose pleatings are caught delicate fronds of ostrich. Again the ruff is made of maribout, interspersed with ostrich fronds. And a very lovely evening ruff shown at a lingerie shop on Fifth avenue was made of rich old Spanish lace, rose pleated, with exquisite little moss roses tucked here and there in the lace.

Later in the fall heavy satin, tulle and ribbon ruffs will be substituted for the net and other filmy materials. The Ottoman silk will appear. The Ottoman silk is heavily corded and comes in all the rich colorings to match winter suitings. A ruff made of this stands out boldly enough to suit Elizabeth herself. When the figured silk is used, it is generally in two tones of one color, in fine stripes or dots, the only exception being the Persian patterns, or what might be described as the old broche shawl patterns in silk. These are made up very stiffly with a finish of narrow velvet ribbon, matching in hue the predominating color in the design.

For evening wear, you will also see plush combining lace and fur, especially the fur for head running through the center of the pleating and used as a clasp in the front. But remember

that under no circumstances must you have floating ends or ribbons of any sort.

The ruff also appears in the new embroidered and lace neckwear for combination with house blouses. It is not designed to wear under a coat, as in fact it ruins the set of a well-tailored jacket. So far, the smart neckwear firms are showing the modified ruff only. Two widths of pleated ruffling are employed, the smaller about two or two and a half inches high, turning upward and touching the ears, the wider anywhere from four to seven inches, turning downward and spreading out over the shoulders.

The upper- and lower ruffling are joined by strips of embroidery or by fancy ribbons to match the gown in coloring. The embroidered strip is preferable with plain lace linen or lawn ruffles, or with those made from hand or machine embroidery. In fact any sort of wash material. But when lace is used, the introduction of velvet ribbon or a fancy Dresden or Persian ribbon is very effective. These ruffs, like the ones intended for one door use, fit the neck snugly, and there is no visible opening back or front, the entire throat being encircled. They were unfortunately taken the place of the graceful stock and jabot, and are very trying to the average face.

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Hotel Man Killed

**C. CALKINS, OF IRVINE, FOUND
UNDERNEATH BRIDGE**

**Body Discovered at Medicine
Hat Nobody Knows How It
Happened**

Medicine Hat, Nov. 15.—Charles Calkins, formerly a rancher of this district and for the last two years proprietor of the Alberta Hotel, Irvine, was found dead on the river bank beneath the C.P.R. bridge this morning, having evidently fallen while attempting to cross the bridge during the night.

He was last seen on the station platform at 11 p.m., wanting to get a freight for home. He may have got on a train going in the wrong direction and jumped off when he found out his mistake. An inquest will be held.

Suing the Unions

Action for Heavy Damages
Taken by Winnipeg Concern

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 16. Action was filed this morning for \$50,000 damages and resultant costs by the Vulcan Iron Works of this city against the union which ordered a strike in their plant in March, 1906, and a perpetual injunction was applied for against picketing the Vulcan plant and an interim injunction was granted. There are ninety-one defendants in the suit. Among them are the International Brotherhood of Machinists, all the local ironworkers' unions and some eighty individuals.

Bert, the 8-year-old son of James Hastings of Chatham, had his nose severed from his face by his playmate accidentally striking him with an axe. A surgeon replaced the nose and says it will grow on without disfiguring the face.

JOYS OF LIFE IN HAWAII.

Disregards the Only Flaw—That Even a Servant Problem.

Birds are everywhere in Hawaii. Their music fills the quivering air. One wonders why we do not all live in this paradise, where life seems to stretch out before us in a long, languid dream of delight.

Suddenly through your dreaming comes a rude awakening. The Hawaiian mosquito, the one law to the gent, the only thorn in the garden, has called to make your acquaintance and bid you welcome to his domain.

The houses, with their broad verandas filled with palms and flowers and furnished with tables, chairs, hammocks and grass rugs, are a paradise to the weary traveler. It is here that the Honolulu people enjoy their glorious climate.

The lawns, thick and velvety as a carpet, were kept in perfect order by the yard boys, for experienced servants—Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese—can always be had. In fact, the servant problem causes no worry to the home wife, who has but little anxiety in this land of plenty.

Everybody seems to take life easily. The office closes very early, and no one seems to know what care is. The sugar barons, their capital once rightly invested, draw their dividends, and the rest of life is devoted to spending them.

We stop at the home of our friend, a bungalow that is the picture of comfort. One end of the veranda is used as a sun parlor, sheltered by windows and screens, for what they call cold days—50 degrees above zero.

Numbers of rooms connected with this, the dining room being a veranda at the other end of the house and the kitchen a separate building, though connected by a roofed veranda. The guest chambers are cottages by themselves.

The bath is hewn out of solid stone, with a shower above. Servants are provided for in quarters apart from the house. The whole, in fact, greatly reminds one of an old southern plantation home with modern improvements.

Just in front of the house, approaching its great limits at least sixty feet in diameter, is a great monkey pool tree, and under its protecting branches the children, and older ones, too, enjoy the swings and hammocks in an atmosphere which lulls to sleep. As we sit here at midnight, dressed in the thinest of summer clothing, with never a wrap, watching the moon rise out of the sea, we understand why the Hawaiian so loves his islands.—World's Work.

THE WHITE BIRCH.

Peeling the Bark Ruins the Tree's Beauty Forever.

One of the loveliest of our trees is the white birch, with its graceful, feathery, gleaming bark, and its leaves, often it is said of half its beauty by careless hands.

The temptation to take off strips of bark of its easily peeled bark seems well nigh irresistible if one may judge by the countless forlorn trunks along our roadsides. Instead of silvery white columns standing out in conspicuous grace from the green of neighboring shrubs and trees, the trunks are marred by great black circles, the results of wounds inflicted by wanton passersby.

Too often this is done merely for the fun of seeing how easily the bark can be pulled off and no thought is given to the feelings of the owner when he finds that one of his finest trees, in which he took great pride, has been robbed forever of its beauty.

The next time you are tempted to cut off birch bark, stop. Think of the injury to the tree and the injury to all who shall pass that way after you in depriving them of something they might have enjoyed but for you—the sight of that tree, all its beauty.

Remember that the bark never grows again.

If you have in mind the making of some article for which birch bark is an absolute (?) necessity, can you not at least take it from some fallen log or from some tree well away from the center of the woods, removing only the outer layers, and thus in such a way that the tree will suffer as little as possible? By doing this you will earn the gratitude of all wayfarers and landowners.—Plant World.

The First Book Catalogue.

The first book catalogue was issued in 1504 in Augsburg, Germany, by one George Willer. It was a quarto of sixteen pages and recorded the titles of 250 books arranged in classes.

Hand lists or posters were printed as early as 1409 by Jonathan Menteur for Mantelin of Strasbourg, who printed the first edition of the Bible in 1450 or 1460. The first catalogue in England was printed in 1556 by John Windet for Andrew Bore, a bookseller.—Mississippi Journal.

Two Runaways.

"Dis paper," said Landig Lewis, "tells about a horse running away with a woman, an' she was laid up for six weeks."

"Dat ain't so worse," rejoined Boastful Benjamin, "A horse runnin' away with a woman, an' she was laid up for six weeks, an' he was laid up for six weeks."—Chicago News.

Cause or Effect.

Assistant Editor—Here's a poem from a fellow who is serving a two years term in the Eastern penitentiary. Managing Editor—Well, print it with a footnote explaining the circumstance. It may serve as a warning to other poets.—Philadelphia Record.

Musical Note.

Ho—Are you married? She—I play the piano. He—Well, that's not an absolute denial.—Pick-Me-Up.

FELINE FISHERS.

All Cats Apparently Are Not Alike.

Judging from my experience, cats, when living near water, are generally fond of fishing. I have personally known three feline fishers. One was a mere acquaintance and used to fish in a trout stream. The other two lived with us and during the summer months used to fish in the lake nearly every evening. They would crouch on the shore and suddenly jump into an advancing trout, very frequently bringing out a small fish. When they had kittens, I have sometimes seen them bring up to the house three fish in the space of an hour.

I know of a cat, whose home was in Westmorland, close to a stream, that was a regular and accomplished fisher. She was a half Persian. Her daughter belongs to friends of mine, and I have myself seen this latter watching the goldfish in the children's aquarium, which at that time was open at the top and on a broad window seat. This put in one paw and stirred the water violently, then sat down to watch with apparent satisfaction the terror of the fish, which she could not at that occasion reach. Once the family found she had caught one and killed a second, so the aquarium was afterward always covered by wire or net. One of this cat's kittens belonged to me and was for her short life under a year very dependent on human companionship. She came up to my bedroom frequently the first thing in the morning and always took great interest in the wash hand basin, from which she would fish out the sponge or soap, and liked to have her paw in the water. She had to be kept out of the bathroom more than once she deliberately jumped into the bath when it had in it a depth of two or three inches of water.

If this daughter and granddaughter of the original fisher had lived near water, I think the fishing instinct would have developed, as the three generations all showed a fondness for this element, which cats, as a rule, are supposed to avoid.—London Spectator.

A FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE.

The Crowd That Makes Up New York's Famous "Theater."

It would be difficult in a hue to say just what the character of the first night audience in New York city is. There are the elements of course, a dozen or so of rather staid and timorous-looking little men who wander lonesomely about, not seeming to have the courage to speak to anybody outside of their own set and who are generally followed by the vegeful glances of some hurt actor.

Aside from the assortment of young millionaires who like the theatrical atmosphere, the main constituency of the first night audience is the "profession" and the allied arts, the critical jays, managers, backers of shows, etc.

In the early part of the season there will always be a number of well known actors and actresses who have not yet gone to work and who are enjoying their vacations, much as the engineer who spends his two weeks' rest in August, by spending it at the roundhouse—theater.

And this in general constitutes the aggregation that has become famous, or infamous, in theatrical circles as the "deathwatch." They are supposed to be a very difficult body of people to please, but, as a matter of personal experience, I have not seen a first night in ten years that has not been riotous and foolishly enthusiastic, no matter how worthless the offering was.

At some of the worst failures of the season I have seen the star called before the curtain a dozen times in the evening, the author and the manager obliged to make speeches of thanks for the "great reception," while the floral tributes gave the whole thing the atmosphere of a hospital on visiting day.—Delineator.

Origin of the Bala.

In the public places in Athens one or two thousand years ago the Greeks set up the statues of their gods and goddesses. To guard against the possibility of the rain staining the marble faces of their masterpieces they used to protect each with a large metal plate at the top of the head. These were mistaken by the preaphaelite painters for emblems of divinity. Accordingly to this day we see around the pictured heads of our Christian saints the curious little ring which is known as the halo.

A Hint For Amateur Jugglers.

The amateur juggler should, as far as possible, endeavor to juggle only with the ordinary commonplace articles that are invariably at hand. Cards are to be found in almost every house, and paper, and handkerchiefs, glasses, coins and hats are always handy, and the man who confuses with these with no apparent preparation will both please and mystify his audience much more than he who brings along a bagful of prepared tricks and spends half an hour behind a screen.—Strand Magazine.

Only Hysterical.

A reviewer said to a friend, "I got through, on an average, fifty books a week."

"Good gracious," said the friend, "How do you manage it? Why, it takes me at least a day to read one book."

"Don't read them," he said. "I review them."

Belief.

Leaders—By the way, that five dollar bill I loaned you—Boroughs—I haven't forgotten, old man. Don't worry. I still have it in my mind. Leaders—Yes, but don't you think it's about time you relieved your mind—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Kindness of the Poor.

The old adage that the poor are the best friends of the poor was instanced in the story of a chambermaid, who is a young widow with two children to support. After a lingering sickness the younger of the children died, and the young mother's bank account having been depleted from defraying the expenses of the weeks of medicine and doctor's visits, she was obliged to contract a debt at the undertaker's. After that she paid a small monthly installment until the bill was half settled, when one day there came through the mail a receipt for the remainder. The receipt was accompanied by a badly written and blotted note from a scrub-woman in a large uptown hotel, who knew of the trouble, knew the family and the circumstances and in her note explained that she had no family nor near relatives and that she earned enough to support herself and that she wanted to meet this surplus money for the little mother, who needed all that she could make extra to support the remaining child. An scrub-woman receive only 50 or 75 cents a day, one will readily appreciate the spirit which moved one kind soul to help another in distress.—Leslie's Weekly.

What Words Can Do.

"Any one who swears," declared the bishop of Carlisle, "manifests the egotism of his vocabulary. The Concord Patriot puts it in this fashion: 'People swear because they do not know the possibilities of plain language or have not the skill to manipulate it so that it will yield the amount of fire they want. You can do almost anything with common words. No matter how tame and lifeless they look standing in stupid rows as if they didn't know enough to come in when raised, they can be made to dance like imps, to frolic like fairies, to float angelic on light wings, to glow like fire spirits. They can do anything that words the ordinary use of profanity look like feeble scarecrows stuffed up with a fence stake. The sure for profanity—reformers and educators please make a note—is surely will enough to handle your words so that swearing will seem like baby talk in comparison.'"

When Blondin Was Afraid.

One of Blondin's favorite jokes was to offer to carry some distinguished guests across the rope with him on his back. Everybody naturally refused, and the great equilibrist, with a genial smile, would say: "I am sorry, but he was just once with his own set."

He was exhibiting in Paris and was about to cross the Seine on his rope-lum, the great caricaturist, had come a mile sketch. Blondin, recognizing him, at once invited him to cross with him.

"With pleasure," replied Cham, "but on one condition."

"And that is," queried Blondin, "that I shall carry you on my back." "Unverbal Cham."

"Not if I know myself," answered Blondin.

"Ah," triumphantly exclaimed Cham, "this time, M. Blondin, it is you who are afraid!"

Illustrious Shoemakers.

Shoemaking is a calling which has given the world some very great men. One authority asserts that the majority of cobblers have exceptional brains, that their attitude when stooping over their work tends to a certain development in the part where the intellectual faculties are seated. Some one has written a book on illustrious shoemakers. In it are Sir Claudius Shovel, Gifford the Terrible, Bloomfield, author of the well known "Farmer's Boy," Carey, the orientalist; Admiral Myrags, George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends; John Kitto, the Biblical scholar, and Sturgeon, the electrician. The list of illustrious shoemakers runs into scores.

Rocks That Float in Water.

A geologist who is well up in his business can name a dozen or twenty different specimens of rocks and minerals that have less specific gravity than water and which, if tossed into that element, float on the surface. Rubellite is one of the best known representatives of that class. The common pumice stone is another example. The rock with the very least specific gravity known is damara, a substance found in an extinct volcano in Danmarland. Its atomic weight is 5, or exactly one-half that of hydrogen.

The Sum of Genius.

Men give me some credit for genius. All the genius that I have is lost in this; When I have a subject in hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I make is what people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and of thought.—Alexander Hamilton.

Art of Reading.

To get the best out of reading, we must begin early and work hard. It is an art like music or painting and demands its stern apprenticeship. It remains true that a man who knows only his own tongue does not know that—Christian World.

Wonderful.

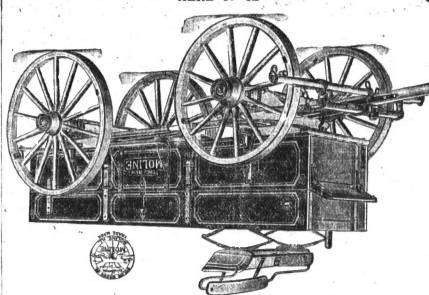
She—What interested you most in your travels, major? Major—Well, the sunny of a queen I saw in Egypt. It's wonderful how they could make a woman dry up and stay that way.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A foot can talk without knowing what he ought to say, but a wise man's silence is due to his knowing what he ought not to say.—Chicago News.

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